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Senior Grand Master **Charles Sereff**, IX Dan (Second from Left) promoted Master **Larry Winn** (Far Left), Master **Tom Cope** (Second from Right), and Master **Dustin Stephenson** (Far Right) to VIII Dan Senior Masters. This is a singular achievement representative of decades of dedicated service, a credit to USTF and to these estimable gentlemen. The Flash, and all of us, salute!

THE YEAR'S CLOSE

Another year in the life of the TKD Flash comes to a close, this having been the 25th publication year. Your Humble Editor is grateful to USTF, which had faith in the value of these communications and stood the course in its continuing efforts to keep us all appreciative of our Art and of each other.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Contest Committee of the Editorial Board of the TKD Flash was charged with locating and awarding the Best Article by a Non-Stringer for 2013. The winner among many submissions was "Warm Greetings from Alaska" in the February issue, submitted by

Mr. **Guy Williams**. Little more than a photo caption, it was humorous, human and to the point, reflecting the quality of its author. An equally difficult task was selection of a photographic winner. Several photos stood out, but many photos are sent to us without an attribution to a particular photographer; often photos are “anonymous,” taken by a spectator, a parent, and, occasionally, by the person forwarding it to us. Thus the awards are not given this year to individual photographers but to the quality images, capturing important moments, themselves. First Place is awarded to the photo of Mr. **Darell Kodad** smashing tiles on page one of the October issue. Second Place went to “In Contemplation of Our Nation’s Flag,” (page one of the August issue) depicting Senior Grand Master **C.E. Sereff** at opening ceremonies of USTF Nationals. Third Place goes to **Sarah St. Pierre**’s performance of Toi-Gye in the June issue (page nine). Congratulations to the photographers who captured these winning images and thank you to all our contributors because those who

contribute articles and photos make The Flash possible.

Flash Stringer and New Supermom **Corinne Sroykum** has made inquiry as to whether these contests will be continue in 2014. The answer is: Yes!

COMING EVENTS

In the January issue, look forward to this year’s “Flash Stringer of the Year.” Last year’s winner was Distinguished Flash Stringer **Roselyn Romberg**. Who will be the winnah for 2013?

On December 14 a Black Belt Test will be held for **Mountain View TKD** and **Bodystrong TKD** in Washington, all Oregon and Washington schools invited. The Promoter is Mr. **Brandon Stoppani**.

The **First Annual Berkshire Invitational** tournament will be hosted this coming winter by



Not about to be outdone by her Splits Club “team mate” **Jacqueline Martone** (see November issue), **Laurie Chen** says, “Wall, who needs a wall?” On right, to give her instructor a function, she shows **Mr. John Murphy** that she’s the least bit more flexible than shown at left. Now, here’s a challenge. Who can outstretch **Concord TKD**?



Contributing Staff: Distinguished Stringer Roselyn Romberg, Stringer Sr. Master Gary Meek (dec’d.), Stringer Mrs. Corinne Sroykum, Stringer Master Ricky J. Todd, Stringer Grand Master Renee Sereff.

Group photo, The USTF Class A Instructor Course, Broomfield, Colorado, November 9. Seated in front, of course, our beloved Senior Grand Master Charles E. Sereff and Grand Masters Mike Winegar and Paul DeBaca. The story begins on page 5. Grand Master Renee Sereff, doing administrative duty on that day, kneels to the right of GM Winegar with her hand on someone's shoulder. Note youngest attendee Leopold Sroykum in his mother Corinne's arms in the back row well above the somewhat more grizzled visages of Master Braxton Miller and Mr. Paul Byrne. Dad is to the photo's far left.



Berkshire School of Taekwon-Do. More info as it becomes available.

There will be a USTF Referee Course at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on January 25.

On Saturday, January 25, 2014 a 1st – 3rd Dan Black Belt test will be conducted at **Marquette TaeKwon-Do**. Dr. Steve Osborn, the Region 5 USTF Director, will preside over the test.

On that same busy day nationwide for Taekwon-Do, Sr. Master **Stan Martin** will conduct a combined color belt and Black Belt testing at Casper, Wyoming. Included schools will be Casper, Sheridan, Rock Springs, and Laramie.

A tentative USTF Instructor “C” course will be February 8 and 9 in **Broomfield, Colorado**. Register early!

A Black Belt & color belt promotion testing will be conducted at **Bellevue, Nebraska**, Offutt Air Force Base, on February 15 under the able hand of Master **Ricky Todd**.

On February 22 it is rumored there will be A USTF Referee Course at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

Sereff TKD will have a Black Belt Test and Masters Test on March 15.

On March 8 a **USTF Referee Course** will be conducted at Offutt Air Force Base. Promoter, the indefatigable Master Ricky Todd.

Master Todd will instruct a Breaking Seminar at Sereff Taekwon-Do on April 12.

Set aside May 3 for the **Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament**. Always well run.

Always planning well in advance, Master Todd has scheduled a Black Belt/Color Belt combined testing for June 7.

And block out those calendars for **Sereff World Camp**, YMCA of the Rockies Winter Park, June 22 through 27.

On August 23 another Black Belt and Gup promotion testing at Bellevue, Nebraska. Master Todd is the Promoter.



On Saturday, November 16th **Concord School of TKD** conducted a Junior Rank Gup Test. Testing for Gup 9 Yellow Stripe were **Manas Kontham** and **Charu Tyagi**. **Lea Bodmer** tested successfully for Gup 8 Yellow Belt. Testing for Gup 7 Green Stripe were **Dexter Greer**, **Lauren Kim**, **Yaxi Li**, **Kevin Wang**, brothers **Alexander** and **Maxwell Kim**, and siblings **Deborah** and **Joseph Won**. **Joshua Koblan-Huberson** reached Gup 6 Green Belt, and **Stephanie Hellman** and **Katherine Kelly** achieved Gup 5 Blue Stripe. Congratulations to all on a great test! (Photo: M. Kim and K. Wang.)

On September 13 Sereff Taekwon-Do will host a USTF Black Belt test.

October 19 is the tentative date for 2014's Sereff Fall Championship.

Master Ricky Todd will wrap up 2014 Testings at Offutt Air Force Base on November 22.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The 2013 **USTF-UTAH State Championship Tournament** was held November 2 in Salt Lake City. We look forward to pictures and descriptions of competition in the next [Flash](#).

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013 a Gup testing was conducted at **West Marquette County TaeKwon-do** in the U.P. of Michigan.

On November 9 Grand Master **Mike Winegar** conducted a USTF Class A Instructor Course at Sereff Taekwon-Do, Broomfield, Colorado. In attendance were fifty (50) Fourth Dans and above from from Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Louisiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Georgia, Florida, Washington, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, and Illinois. Only 6th Dans and above were permitted to certify and take the written exam. Of great



On Sunday, October 27th, Senior Master Reyes conducted a USTF Referee course at the Concord School of TKD. More than a dozen students attended from schools around the New England region. Several attendees were preparing for advanced Class B and Class A Referee status. And a new crop of prospective Class C Referees attended in preparation for the upcoming Black Belt Test and Concord Invitational Tournament. Thank you, Senior Master Reyes, for another excellent course!

Submitted by *Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.*

significance is the fact that the **majority** of those who perceived value, paid tuition, and traveled there from all over the USA to learn were NOT there to certify, just to take in the knowledge dispensed by an incredibly fine instructor. We should, all of us, be proud. (Group photo, above.)

Examination results from the Class A Instructor Course are now in. The following passed:

Mr. **Mike Brehm**, Ms. **Denise J. Moormeier**, Mr. **Robert Riley**, Mr. **Philip Ordonio Jr.**, Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, Mr. **Chris Wadium**, Mr. **James L. Smith**, Mr. **Lawrence J. Greene Sr.**, Mr. **Craig Craddock**, Mr. **Paul Byrne**, Master

Braxton Miller. Test scores are still pending for Mr. **Leopold Sroykum**. Congratulation to these new Class A Instructors!

Also on November 9 the Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan, **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Head Instructor, hosted a mini-tournament for gup level competition. Dr. **Rick Bauman** was Tournament Director and Mr. **Marc Mikkelson** was Chief Referee.

On November 16 **USTF -UTAH** held its **2013 Fall Black Belt Testing**.



The New England Region conducted its **Concord Invitational Tournament** on Saturday, November 9th. Competitors came from schools around New England to participate in this fun annual event. Participants competed in Patterns and Sparring events, and the NE Region's growing group of Class C, B, and A



Referees got welcome practice cornering, centering, and judging. Thanks to all who attended! New England looks forward to a great turnout at the December and Spring Interschool Tournaments and May Northeast Challenge



Invitational, being hosted by Concord TKD, and at the First Annual Berkshire Tournament coming up in mid-winter, being hosted by the Region's newest school, Berkshire TKD. Left, top, Adelle Goetemann and Alex Gough square off. Immediately below, Novella Bailey and Timothy Borunov do

likewise, Upper right, how do those medals feel? Lower right, Robert Gough, Tara Kent, and Renata Pomponi.





One of the most anticipated elements of New England Regional Tournaments happens AFTER the official patterns and sparring competitions are through. As the last trophies are distributed and things are winding down, Mr. **John Murphy**, VI Dan, invites younger Junior Rank Gups to spar one more time if they wish, this with a Black Belt of their choosing. Rounds last 60 seconds, and are judged by a full complement of Referees and a Center. A gold medal is given to the winner of each round. Medalists at this year's Concord Invitational Tournament included 7 year old **Ella Kent** (Gup 6 Green Belt), and 9 year olds **Noah Buttner** (Gup 4 Blue Belt) and **Charlie Morse** (Gup 10 White Belt). Below left, Noah takes on Mr. Alex Gough. Excellent job, Fighters!

--*Roselyn Romberg*, Distinguished Flash Stringer

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On November 23, Region 1 conducted a Black Belt Test at **Mountain View Taekwon-Do**, Battle Ground, Washington. The Promoter was Master **David Mason**.

On Sunday, November 24th, Senior Master **Louis Reyes** conducted the **New England Region's** all-schools Black Belt test at **Concord TKD**. In addition to Concord, schools in attendance were **Sudbury TKD**, **New England TKD**, and **Victory TKD**. An awesome event in Massachusetts.

Below, aspirin, anyone?





Left, sometimes the size mismatch dictates the necessity for airborne techniques. Below, Miss Ella Kent, Gup 6.

